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From: Andrew Simpson

Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 9:21 AM

To: 'Cestone, Paul'

Subject: RE: Request for and acknowledgement of an extended due date of August 29, 2016 for

FOIA EPA-HQ-2016-003008

Mr. Cestone,

As it is now past the extension date of August 29, 2016, I wanted to check in on the status of my FOIA request. I have looked at FOIA Online and have not seen any new materials posted, but it does seem to be in the "assignment" phase. Any information you could share would be appreciated.

Regards, Andrew

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From: Cestone, Paul [mailto:Cestone.Paul@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 3:46 PM

To: Andrew Simpson

Subject: Request for and acknowledgement of an extended due date of August 29, 2016 for FOIA EPA-HQ-2016-003008

Greetings Mr. Simpson,

Regarding your FOIA request EPA-HQ-2016-003008, as we discussed today and previously in February, EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics holds no documents pertaining to lists of Monsanto Company's customers that purchased compounds containing PCBs.

Provided approximately February 25, 2016 was a copy of a 1997 letter from Coastal Environmental Services and an EPA response to this letter from EPA's Chemical Management Division (now the National Program Chemicals Division) that indicated that any documents pertaining to your FOIA would be held by the Office of Compliance Monitoring, now the Office of Enforcement and Compliance (OECA). These letters was uploaded to FOIA On-line and provided to you by Email in February.

As such, your FOIA was supposed to have been processed over to OECA for response to in March. Unfortunately there was a problem in effecting the transfer and it did not happen. Nonetheless, based on our discussion this afternoon, your agreement to extend the due date of the FOIA to August 29, 2016 should now allow me to process the FOIA to OECA for a response.

I appreciate your understanding in the delay and for the response date extension. I will be processing the FOIA transfer to OECA today, with your confirmation of receipt of this E-mail.

Thank you again.

Best regards, Paul Cestone

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